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Participants : Naik Shri Shripad Yasso

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Title: Need for central intervention in construction of a dam on Mandvi river by Government of Karnataka.

SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK (PANAJI): Sir, please give me two minutes more because the matter which I want raise is very important and it pertains to my Constituency.

The Government of Karnataka, without the permission of the Central Government and the Central Water Board, is diverting the water from Mahadai Basin constructing the Kalsa, Bhandara canals. Diverting 7.56 TMC of water will have negative effect on Goan day-to-day life.

Sir, in September, 2006 the Government of Karnataka laid the foundation stone for the Kalsa-Bhandura Project for the diversion of 7.56 TMC water from Mahadai basin to Malaprabha basin and in October 2006, it began the work of excavation for the open cut canals at Kankunbi village of Belgaum District, without obtaining any clearance from Union Government.

This step of Karnataka Government is totally illegal and unconstitutional. On 30.4.02, an in-principle clearance was given by the Central Water Commission and the Ministry of Water Resources without proper understanding of the ill-effects which Goa has to face in near future on account of the Kalsa Bhandara project… (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing would go on record except the submission of Shri Shripad Yesso Naik.

*(Interruptions) ... **

SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK : However, because of timely protests from the Government of Goa, in-principle clearance was kept in abeyance in September, 2002 and the Government of Goa requested to the Ministry of Water Resources for setting up an Inter-State Water Disputes Tribunal under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, for resolution of the dispute. But till this date, no direction has been given by the Union Government in this matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your demand? You come to the main point.

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SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK : In spite of this, the Government of Karnataka has already gone ahead to materialize the proposal. Local village panchayat of Kankunbi, Parwad and Nerse of Belgaum District of Karnataka which are going to be affected by this proposal have already expressed their protest to the concerned authorities… (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing would go on record except the submission of Shri Shripad Yesso Naik.

*(Interruptions) ...**

SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK : However, without taking any note, the Government of Karnataka started work of excavation for the channels. Though the Karnataka Government claimed that the work presently is in the agriculture zone, for the completion of further work of Kalsa, total reserve forest of 258 hectare from Kankunbi, Parwad and Koda will be destroyed… (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your demand?

… (*Interruptions*)

सभापति महोदय : यह स्पेशल मेंशन है। आप की बात रिकार्ड में नहीं जा रही है।

*(Interruptions) ...**

SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK : For Bhandara Nalta Scheme, 243 hectare reserve forest area from Kongala, Tamagao, Karale, Nerse, Teregadi and other villages within Belgaum District will be destroyed.

Without awaiting the clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, the Government of Karnataka has gone ahead with their proposal which is highly objectionable. On 16th October, 2006, the Ministry of Environment and Forest and the Ministry of Water Resources asked the Karnataka Government not to continue the work.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, nothing would go on record except the statement of Shri Shankhlal Majhi.

*(Interruptions) ... **

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सभापति महोदय : आप अपनी बात कहिए। इनकी बात रिकार्ड मे नहीं जा रही है।